a small village in the Chandpore subdivision of the Tippera District. The legendary history of the place traces its own origin to a great religious devotee from whom it acquired its present renown. The above Siddha Purusha happened to have been a very dull idiot in his early child-hood it seems; and there runs a story very widely known in those parts that once on an *Amavasya* night when asked what was the phase of the moon that night, he answered straight and without the least hesitation, that it was a full-moon night and they all began to laugh and make fun of him. Stung by their taunts this apparently idiotic youth determined then and there that he must practise Yoga and acquire wisdom. He went to his preceptor accordingly and asked for advice.

The preceptor seemed greatly moved by the youth's eagerness, and undertook to give him lessons that very night. He told his pupil that he was going to lie face downwards, underneath a tree, in "Shabasanam" i.e., the

"dead-body
pose", and that the pupil was to sit on the body
of the preceptor, repeating a certain Mantram,
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